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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

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2. Regarding each listed document that is not in the English language, an English-language translation accompanies this Statement as indicated on the attached PTO-1449 or a corresponding U.S. Patent is enclosed or a concise explanation of the relevance of the document is set forth on an attached sheet.



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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	2,128,069	8/38	ASHBY			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	850,310	1939	FRANCE				
	1209894	1/66	GERMANY				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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- (b) ☐ Before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
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1) ☒ A certification is given below,

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- (a) ☒ The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, fees underpaid, or credit any overpayment with regard to this Statement to Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

6. Concise Explanation (if needed):

- (1) ☒ Below is a Concise Statement of Relevance of enclosed non-English language document(s).

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

2,128,069

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

FR 850,310

See attached English abstract.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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